

AFTER ALL Experience Beats the Argument.

We might say much in an effort to convince you where to buy clothing, but "saying" is easy. Talk is cheap. After you have tested a thing

You Know.

If you have bought from us, we have nothing more to say. We are willing for the goods to do the talking. If you haven't, then this is the time to do it. We are prepared to exhibit the production of some of the best manufacturers in America.

Some clothing is made and some is, well, half made.

OURS IS MADE.

Some clothing is planned and cut by artists, some by "scrubs."

Clothing sold by us is cut and made by men whose reputation is their capital, and who study to keep their reputation up.

ANOTHER THING:

Improvements are being made all the time in "building suits." Our manufacturers are progressive, pushing people, and are ever on the alert.

Of course a well-dressed man must have in addition to a nice suit all other things nice. Hat, Shoes, Cravats, Collars, Shirts, Cuffs, Suspenders, Hose, Underwear, &c. We have them.

KETCHIN MERCANTILE CO.

ISSUE BONDS.

The Directors of The Winnsboro Bank Meet and Recommend that the County Issue Bonds for the Improvement of the Public Highways so that the People may be Given Work to Provide the Necessities of Life.

Yesterday on his rounds the reporter of The News and Herald heard that there had been a meeting of the directors of the Winnsboro Bank earlier in the day, at which meeting there had been some suggestions as to the county issuing bonds to aid the people in their present depressed financial condition. In order to get definite information in regard to the matter he called on Mr. Elliott, the president of the bank, and said to him:

"Mr. Elliott, I hear it rumored that at a meeting of the directors of the Winnsboro Bank this morning, there was a discussion as to the county issuing certain bonds to help the people in their present depressed financial condition. If there is anything in this report, I should be pleased to have such information in regard to the same as you care to give out for publication. Is the report true?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Elliott, "the report is true. There was a meeting of the board of directors this morning, at which there was a suggestion as to the county issuing certain bonds."

Then, Mr. Elliott, said the reporter, will you please give me the details of the proposed plan.

"Certainly," said Mr. Elliott. "At the meeting I suggested that inasmuch as the necessities of the people at the present time were probably beyond what their individual credit or the credit of the corporations in the county would suffice to meet, the credit of the public should be used to help them. This, I suggested could be done by the county issuing bonds to the extent of \$50,000 to \$100,000, the proceeds of same to be made available as soon as possible and to be expended on the highways of the county under the most intelligent supervision to be had."

"Supposing that such bonds were issued, how would you distribute the proceeds of the same," the reporter asked.

"I would suggest," said Mr. Elliott, "that the money be divided throughout the various townships in proportion to the

amount of taxable property therein, the amount for each township to be expended by a committee of the most suitable men from the said township. Every section of the county would receive in this way its share from the public credit thus extended. All over the county there would be employment for the idle hands and stock and thousands of dollars would be put in circulation to help the farmer and the merchant. At the same time while helping themselves out of a temporary embarrassment the people would be constructing a lasting improvement that would mean the saving of thousands of dollars in the years to come. I know of no better investment the county could make."

"Well, how would you get at the instance of the said bonds?" asked the reporter.

"At the meeting this morning," said Mr. Elliott, "representatives from the legal fraternity were appointed to consider the necessary legal steps to be taken in connection with such an issuance as is proposed. They will make their report soon."

"How about the interest on the said bonds, should they be issued?" asked the reporter.

"I do not think they would bear over 5 per cent and this would be a very small consideration as compared with the very great advantages that would accrue."

Then the reporter asked, "How do you propose to get an expression of opinion from the people in the matter?"

"I am glad you asked this question," said Mr. Elliott. "I of course know that the people will have to be consulted in the matter, and while there is of necessity a certain delay before a vote can be had, I propose that a meeting of citizens from all sections of this county be held at the court house Saturday, Dec. 14th, so that they may express themselves as to the matter. I therefore hand you a call for a mass meeting which you will please publish."

A Meeting Called.

All those interested in the continuance of the reading room are requested to meet at the reading room this afternoon.

School books, pencils, tablets, etc., at The News and Herald office.

For Rent—Two three-room cottages. Apply to J. O. Boag.

One car best all heart shingles for sale. M. W. Doty & Co.

Store Robbed.

The store of Porter & Turner at the cotton mill was broken into Sunday night. The proprietors estimate their loss at less than \$5.

A most complete line of Xmas goods at G. A. White's.

All the Xmas magazines at The News and Herald office.

J. O. Boag offers a big lot of brick at the very lowest prices for the cash.

Wanted.

Ladies or gents to do writing in their homes. Salary \$20 per month. For further information apply with stamp to (Miss) Fannie Gladney, Fort Lawn, S. C.

Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsom, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of Indigestion, Waterbrash, Stomach and Bowel Dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at McMaster Co.'s drug store.

HARD TIMES.

The people are crying hard times, but if times are hard Dry Goods are cheap. If you will give us a few minutes of your time we will prove this to you. Take an item like Unbleached Home-spun, goods that were 6 1/2c last fall, now 5c. The quality you paid 5c for, now 4c. This is the cheap line; it is the same in higher class goods. Fine French Flannels that were \$1.25 a yard last fall are \$1.00 now; and so on all through the list you have to buy. Our stock is complete and we make the prices to suit hard times.

Shoes.

We can suit every one in Shoes.

Ladies' Shoes in all the new shapes, cheap grades, and fine patent leathers. We have them to fit your purse as well as your feet.

Children's Shoes, all styles and any quality.

Men's Shoes, from a coarse Brogan at 93c to fine Patent Vici at \$4.00. We sell the kind that wear.

Clothing.

For men of all ages and shapes; made to fit, made to wear, and made at cheap prices. We can suit the boys in goods that will stand hard times.

Dress Goods.

Our stock in this line is continually being replenished.

We can please you in all the new style goods—Broad-cloths, French Flannels, Venetians, Poplins, Granite Cloths, and the greatest line of Black Goods and Silks you ever saw in this town. We have the Trimmings to match in all style, Applique, Braid, and any color Velvet.

Notions.

All the little new things in this line that you do not find in the ordinary store. Ask you specially to see our new Belts and Belting. The variety in Gloves, Hosiery and Corsets.

Underwear

to suit every one—men, women and children—both in cotton and wool. The quality the best, the price low.

Blankets

in wool and cotton; prices lower than last season. Flannels in the different colors—all grades.

Millinery.

We have been selling a great many goods in this line, but get new goods every week. You will find what you want in this room, you will find it in stylish new goods and get good work with low prices.

We give premiums with every \$10.00 cash spent with us. You do not have to spend that much at one time, but just as it suits you. Investigate this. The premiums are good, useful articles, worth your attention. We want your trade, and will save you money if you buy from us.

The Caldwell Dry Goods Company.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFER.

For the next THREE WEEKS we will give to each customer who buys Ten Dollars' worth of dry goods for cash from us Fifty Cents' worth of whatever they want to select out of the store. This gives you a chance to select something useful and serviceable for a present. This offer is only good for the time stated. Call and see us.

Lauderdale & Bryson.

A Pretty Line of

SCARF PINS, SLEEVE BUTTONS, BROOCHES, LADIES' WATCH CHAINS, &c., and the prettiest LADY'S GOLD WATCH for \$20.00 ever brought to the town.

C. M. Chandler.

A Handsome Toilet Case Free.

Come and See It At

OUR - STORE.

For every 25 cents purchase you will be entitled to a guess at the number of grains of corn in a pint fruit jar. The nearest guess gets the case. Corn to be counted DECEMBER 25TH.

Christmas Goods to suit every taste. Fine China, Lamps, all kinds of Celluloid goods, Toilet Cases, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Glove Boxes, Albums, Pearl Handle Knives, Carving Sets, Nut Crackers and Picks, and a lot of other beautiful goods that you must come to see in order to appreciate their beauty.

R. T. Matthews & Son.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Tuesday, December 10 - 1901

—Mr. J. J. Obeart went to Columbia yesterday.

—Greenville gets the next session of the State Baptist Convention.

—Mrs. J. G. McCants paid a visit to friends in Columbia last week.

—Mr. W. D. Aiken and daughter, of Columbia, were in town visiting relatives yesterday.

—Rev. Mr. Hinton, of Chester, was in town yesterday on his way back from the convention at Florence.

—Rev. J. L. Freeman has returned from Florence where he has been in attendance upon the State Baptist Convention.

—Rev. J. B. Campbell, the new pastor of the Methodist Church at this place and his family, are expected to arrive Thursday evening.

—The barn on the upper place of Mr. Dan Hall, of Mitford, was burned one day last week. A very large quantity of hay was destroyed.

—The names of those parties in this county worth over \$50,000 has again been asked for. The list will soon be made up, so be sure to get your name in.

—Rev. E. P. Taylor and family leave to-day for their new home at Greenville, where he has been assigned work another year. They will carry with them the best wishes of many friends.

—Mrs. A. E. Hood, mother of Mrs. J. M. Harden, died at her home in Lancaster Thursday morning. Mrs. Harden was with her at the time of her death. Mr. Harden went over that afternoon to attend the funeral exercises.

Paper bags and wrapping paper at The News and Herald office.

Our entire stock of millinery at greatly reduced prices. Come and take advantage of the great bargains we are now offering. Mrs. A. L. McCarley.

J. O. Boag is offering his entire stock of furniture at such prices that you should not fail to buy your furniture now.

Xmas Goods.

My stock of Xmas goods is the largest I have ever carried. I am prepared to supply all of Santa Claus' wants. I want you to call and see me before buying your Xmas goods.

G. A. White.

Just received one car red seed oats direct from State farm. M. W. Doty & Co.

A beautiful line of stationery at The News and Herald office.

Rats!

The fire alarm was sounded Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and the company promptly responded, though the fire was out before they could reach it. It was in Mr. A. B. Cathcart's house, and was clearly a case of rats, as it was between the wall and away from any chance of fire otherwise.

Hennies, the photographer, will be in Winnsboro December 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th—remember for 4 days only. Have your photos made for Christmas. 6 nice photos for 35c; 6 beautiful photos for 75c—all sizes and styles. 12-6td

Santa Claus has established his headquarters at G. A. White's.

A big quantity of matting at regular bargain prices at J. O. Boag's.

A Million Voices

Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and writes—"it completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 lbs." It is positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at McMaster Co.'s.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat.